REMARKS

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the objection to the drawings set forth in the previous Office Action dated May 8, 2007. Applicants also thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Applicants' Admitted prior Art. Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 15-21. Finally, Applicants thank the Examiner for his courtesy in conducting a telephone interview with Applicants' representative, Joshua Povsner, on December 27, 2007.

In the outstanding Final Office Action, claims 7-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 7-14 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claim 7 will have been amended to recite "moving the head down by a predetermined distance at the second speed from the first position until beginning prior to the electronic component contacts contacting the substrate".

The herein-contained amendments should not be considered an indication of Applicants' acquiescence as to the propriety of any outstanding rejection. Rather, the herein-contained amendments are made in order to advance prosecution and obtain early allowance of claims. In the above-noted telephone interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner agreed that amendment of claim 7 in the manner of the herein-contained amendment to claim 7 would render moot each of the outstanding rejections. The Interview Summary dated January 11, 2008 confirms the substance of this agreement.

Accordingly, claim 7 is allowable under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and second paragraph. Claims 8-14 are allowable at least for depending, directly or indirectly, from an allowable independent claim 7, as well as for additional reasons related to their own recitations.

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Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

The amendments to the claims made in this amendment have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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